

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. According to informant the standard of living of Bulgarian workers and their families has improved during the past year. However, salaries continue to barely satisfy the minimum living requirements. Unemployment, at least for the time being, is unknown. Until 1952 furniture and other household articles were unavailable. Now they may be purchased, although prices are high, and there exists a certain amount of selection. This "abundance" after the very difficult years which followed World War II constitutes an unhopd for achievement for the Bulgarians. All progress made in this direction is an incentive to the "enthusiasm" of the youth for the present regime.
2. The continuous conscription for work, the push made to work harder and produce more, the control of everyone's actions provokes discontent and bitterness in the population, other than the youths.
3. The domestic political situation in Bulgaria is well under control. Propaganda among youths has achieved good results and the percentage of these people who do not openly manifest their complete adherence to the regime is small. The remainder of the population has by now become used to the situation, having lost all hope of a change of government into a democratic regime.
4. Informant states that actually a certain dynamism of work is noted; all work, homes, hospitals, schools, roads, etc. have been built or are in the process of being constructed. A great deal of propaganda is also made concerning works accomplished, hours of work spent, money spent, etc.
5. Members of the Party give the impression of dedicating themselves to their political duties with conviction, but in most cases personal interests are involved, since political positions are directive in nature and are well paid. Some Bulgarians, although not convinced Communists, have requested membership in the Party in order to achieve economic security.
6. With the achievement of a certain domestic tranquillity, also favored by the resigned apathy of those who do not favor the regime, the activity of governmental political police has slowed down. For about one year now concentration camps have been dissolved; now for any political crime a regular public trial is held.

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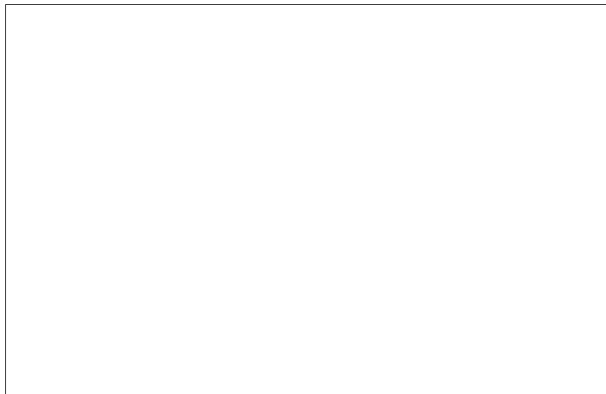
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7. The main Bulgarian propaganda is devoted to the campaign for peace. The United States are shown, as always, as a capitalistic and warmongering nation. For about two years now, after violent invectives and accusations of traitor to the working classes, Marshal Tito is purposely ignored by governmental propaganda.



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